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E. W. OAKFENTER,
Hon. Sec. Regatta.
Hongkong, December 7, 1904. 220

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 1 P.M. on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 8th and 9th instant, respectively.
Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 2188

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 1 P.M. on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 8th and 9th instant, respectively.
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Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	Ports.
Aspern	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7300	Capt. Friedrich Gräsenberger	Singapore
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	22	8000	Captain Miral	Shanghai.
Andron	French armoured gunboat	1796	10	1700	Comdr. Lefebvre	Saigon
Albatros	French gunboat	300	7	400	Lieut. A. Vamey	Canton
Agave	French gunboat	123	—	500	Lieut. Orsipa	Saigon
Asie	French gunboat	476	9	450	Lieut. Journa	Saigon
Avallachoe	French gunboat	140	6	150	—	Saigon
Bengali	French gunboat	580	4	400	—	Saigon
Bugeaud	French cruiser	2740	22	9000	Capt. Lefebvre	Halong
Casa-tete	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Wosung
Chateaufort	French gunboat	9018	18	17,000	Captain V. Poldone	Halong
Comete	French gunboat	535	4	438	Commander Loni	Saigon
Daedalus	French gunboat	680	10	900	Commander L'Est	Saigon
Dallas	French cruiser	4000	31	8500	—	Halong
Estoc	French gunboat	350	7	303	Lieut. Jethons	Halong
Foudre	French destroyer	9776	38	20,200	—	Shanghai
Gueydon	French cruiser	—	—	—	—	Halong
Henri Riviere	French destroyer	807	7	800	Lieut. Comdr. Boassens	Halong
Javelin	French gunboat	1280	6	2200	Commander Le Gollies	Halong
Kersaint	French gunboat	9700	12	18,600	Captain Coe	Halong
Montcalm	French cruiser	350	7	300	Lieut. de Van Prat	Yongtze
Mosquit	French torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Capt. Houbert	Halong
Olry	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Comdr. Senes	Halong
Pascal	French gunboat	350	7	300	Lieut. de Worth	Halong
Pistolet	French torpedo-boat	9437	8	6073	—	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	1796	10	1700	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Sey	French cruiser	9858	—	20,000	Captain Gubertson	Shanghai
Sully	French gunboat	529	2	900	Lieut. Hoque	Yongtze
Surprise	French gunboat	6150	23	4560	Captain Bludel	Along Bay
Taklang	French cruiser	123	7	500	Lieut. Can	Canton
Vauban	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Shanghai
Vigilante	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Donard	German cruiser	1827	15	2900	Comdr. Hise	Halong
Furst Bismarck	German flag ship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Fawc	Halong
Gieser	German cruiser	1776	15	2900	Captain de Staudin	Halong
Hansa	German cruiser	5530	24	10,000	Capt. Weyer	Halong
Hertha	German cruiser	5500	27	10,000	Capt. Baro Schimmetmann	Singapore
Ilis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Hillebrand	Nanking
Jauer	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Willmardt	Shanghai
Jochs	German gunboat	850	10	1244	Comdr. Klencke	Halong
Möwe	German gunboat	1009	8	876	Comdr. von Grambow	Halong
Seeadler	German cruiser	1640	15	2500	Captain Velt	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	2980	24	8000	Captain Velt	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Dornberg	Canton
Thunberg	German gunboat	170	5	1300	Comdr. Giebler	Shanghai
Vorwärts	German gunboat	—	3	800	Lieut. Schatz	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2300	10	7471	Captain Roca Roca	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	3800	—	—	Captain Roca Roca	Shanghai
Puglia	Italian cruiser	3496	29	7000	Capt. Pasotto	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1980	14	4000	Captain d'Antes Ribeiro	Shanghai
Din Vasco de Gama	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Continho	Halong
—	Portuguese cruiser	3215	20	8000	Capt. Manuel Vasco de Carvalho	Shanghai
Alcant	Russian gunboat	316	5	730	Comdr. Guiney	Vladivostok
Ansar	Russian cruiser	2200	5	4700	Comdr. Granatobskoy	Shanghai
Ashdod	Russian cruiser	8000	27	24,000	Capt. Reizenstein	Shanghai
Bayan	Russian gunboat	7800	10	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	3	1150	Comdr. Kojakovitch	—
Bogayev	Russian cruiser	6840	12	19,500	—	—
Diana	Russian cruiser	6721	6	8000	—	Saigon
Diglight	Russian gunboat	1466	3	1700	Capt. Narynsky	Port Arthur
Gedemsk	Russian gunboat	320	5	3500	Comdr. Yonick	Port Arthur
Gromoslav	Russian gunboat	1480	5	2000	Captain Zagnarsky	—
Gromobol	Russian gunboat	1000	5	1000	Captain Zagnarsky	Vladivostok
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Zagnarsky	Shanghai
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p.m. on this date will be landed.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance of Hamston's Cir-

cus at Causeway Bay near Polo Ground.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 10.—

3 p.m.—Championship of Hongkong

Gun Club.

9 p.m.—Performance by the Hongkong

Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

MONDAY, December 12.—

Goods per Ghazee undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, December 14.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island

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Offices.

8.15 p.m.—Evening Concert at St. An-

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should be addressed to THE MAIL, and

not to any person by name.

We cannot undertake to return rejected

communications.

Any communication not accompanied

by the signature of the writer will be

rejected without consideration.

All communications must be legibly

written upon one side of the paper.

Telephone, No. 22.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1904.

JAPAN'S FINANCES.

THERE is great dissatisfaction among

the Japanese with the terms upon

which the newly-made loan has been

financed. The amount is twelve mil-

lions sterling; the price of issue is

fixed at £90 10s for each £100 of face

value; it is to pay six per cent

interest; and it is to run for three

years and then to be redeemed in the

course of four years, or at any earlier

period that may suit the convenience

of the Japanese Department of

Finance; the security demanded and

agreed to is the revenue from the

Customs duties. When there is

deducted the commission for financing,

the net return to the Japanese Treas-

ury is only £86 15s for every £100

bond. By comparison with the first

loan, upon which the Treasury received

£90 for each £100 bond, the present

negotiations are naturally most unsat-

isfactory. This is emphasized by the

fact that Japanese financiers have

received trustworthy information that

the returns to their government would

probably have been better than the

first loan, had the financing been en-

trusted to other hands, or had it been

supervised closely by their own

financial agents. There are, moreover,

loud complaints in the vernacular

press that the Japanese Government

was compelled to hypothecate its Custom

Revenue as security for the

payment of the loan. It is contended

that this lowers Japan to the level of

Egypt and other countries that are

not accorded in official utterances and

in private words the position given to

their country. It was not absolutely

necessary, and possibly the demand

may bear fruit in the future little to

the taste of those who shall be in-

directly affected by it. There is very

little salute to the wounded pride and

flattened purses of the Japanese in the

fact that the London allotment of this

last loan was covered ten times, and

that Japanese bonds are rising in

price. That in itself savours too much

of the trick by which present holders

got possession of the bonds at a price

so much below their real value, and

can at once sell out to bona fide invest-

ors at a price that gives a handsome

profit to the underwriters, and furnishes

such a satisfactory investment.

The Government's budget for next

year has been made public and affords

material for serious thought. As he

is unpleasantly apparent that it is the

intention to make the foreign residents

pay a very handsome share of the tax

on urban building lands, that is the

only kind of land foreigner can own

or control, is to be increased 20 per

cent over and above the 5.5 per cent

added to the former tax this year; while

rural building lands are to be

taxed only 7 per cent, additional, and

agricultural lands only 1.8 per cent

added. (The business tax, increased this

year by 70 per cent, is to be augmented

by another 80 per cent. It is said

that this will be a total increase of 150

per cent on the original tax, but if

the increase be levied upon the present

rate it will be an increase on the

original tax of 306 per cent. And

since this does not appear to be

clearly safeguarded against, it is quite

possible the tax officials may so construe

their duty. Incomes of large corpora-

tions and of what are called 'judicial'

persons, will fare badly, the addition to

the tax being from 10 per cent to 640

per cent after the 70 per cent tacked on

this year, while the tax on incomes of

individuals is to be augmented by from

30 per cent added to the 70 per cent

increase of this year, up to 200 per cent,

on incomes of more than Yen 100,900.

So through the entire schedule. Now, it

may safely be said that there is not a

Japanese in the land, outside of official

life, who has an income of only Yen

500, that pays an income tax, while it is

equally safe to say that no foreigner is

permitted to evade his full responsibility.

It is not contended that foreigners even

should be permitted to have a share in

unlawful evasion, but the methods of the

assessors and gatherers are such that

only a small percentage of the full

business and income taxes is collected;

whereas these taxes are so faithfully

collected from the natives as they are

from the foreigners, there would not be

quite so great necessity for straining

Japan's credit abroad.

We have to hold over some verses on

Bowen Road Ghosts by 'Dolly'.

A letter from 'U.B.' on the beachcomber

question came too late for insertion to-day.

We will give it to-morrow.

It scarcely needs a prophet's tongue.

Or poet's pen to teach

That there are sundry kinds of things

Most honoured in the breach.

And, of all things ridiculous,

The alliance by half.

Must surely be to see John Ball

Exhibiting his calf.

—A.K. in the Daily Chronicle.

It is time for one of those skilful and

urbane ladies who write books of etiquette

for men, for women, for brides, for engaged

couples, and so forth, to give

us a book of telephone etiquette.

This is how the Chronicle makes

a demand for reform. The telephone

is most demoralising to manners. Savagery

has given way to brutal abruptness. A man

rings up a lady. She sets her ear to the

receiver and hears the bald question, 'Who

are you?' Now, is that the way to open a

conversation with a lady? No. Let the open-

ing move be, 'I am so-and-so.' Then the

lady can whisper her pretty name, and the

courtesies of life be unbroken.

The late Mr. Asop, who used to write

small, pertinent tracts with large, aggressive

moral, for the edification alike of the ancient

Greeks and the modern school boys, is

responsible for this anecdote.

A Crow who had been haranguing a com-

pany meeting all the evening, had contracted

a large, important thirst. As he was

looking about to find some means of relieving

himself of this same thirst, he discovered

a Pitcher which contained 'water.'

But the Pitcher was very large, and the

quantity of water it contained was small

and repeated at the very bottom.

For anatomical reasons the Crow could

not dip his bill into the water, and drink

from the pitcher as it was.

Nor was there any use in trying to pour

out the water, for the Crow could not lift

the Pitcher.

Besides, he had no cup.

But he was a wise crow, and also per-

sistent, and he immediately resolved to

form a committee of the whole on ways and

means and hatched out a solution of the

problem.

He picked a pebble from many lying

around and dropped it into the Pitcher.

His hope on dropping pebbles into the

Pitcher, and the water rising, was that

the water would be high enough for him to

drink from. He was not long in finding

that this was not the case, and he was

about to give up when he remembered

that he had a pebble in his bill, and he

dropped it into the Pitcher. He was not

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